

**DESK STATEMENT**  
**March 19, 2019**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are working with Unified Command in response to a fire at the Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) Deer Park facility near Houston, TX. The Unified Command consists of EPA, TCEQ, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS) and ITC. Emergency responders have extinguished the fires. EPA has conducted, and continues to conduct, air monitoring with the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT) and has not measured any significant detections in the vicinity and downwind of the incident. The EPA Trace Atmosphere Gas Analyzer (TAGA) is expected to arrive in LaPorte March 21, and it will monitor for organic compounds in the air.